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WOVEN WIRE MATTRESSES SPRING BEDS & COTS.

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To The Trade.

HEREWITH we hand you Catalogue and Price List for January, 1888. Our constantly increasing trade has made it necessary that our manufacturing facilities should be still further increased; we are therefore putting in a new engine, double the size of the one we have been using, and additional machinery enough to double our capacity all around.

We have a commodious factory with large and improved dry-kiln and all necessary buildings with steam for power, heat and drying purposes, and all conveniences for business, with ample room on lot fronting on railroad and river for lumber storage and growth.

We have, at our new location, the most complete and best appointed *Woven Wire Mattress and Spring Bed Factory* in the country, and will be able to supply the demand for our goods at *lowest current prices.* We shall keep up to the times in styles, making a specialty of Woven Wire Goods and Hospital and Asylum Beds.

Our shipping facilities are complete, and we have Release Contracts with all Railroads and Transportation Companies.

We invite a careful perusal of this Catalogue, and comparison of prices with those of 1887. We thank you for past generous patronage, and trust we may merit a continuance of the same.

Yours truly,

AMES & FROST.

OFFICE AND WAREROOM, 45 S. DESPLAINES ST.
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SHIPPING DIRECTIONS AND TERMS.

Order by number. Nos. 1 and 2 are shipped folded. Nos. 0 and 3½ can be shipped K. D., if desired. All goods shipped SET UP, unless ordered K. D. Woven Wire Mattresses should be ordered in pairs to prevent damage in transit. Be sure to give sizes plainly. If you want four feet wide by six feet long, give it thus: 4—0 x 6, and never thus: 4 x 6. We ship all goods **released,** and deliver on board cars or boats in Chicago.

We give personal attention to obtaining low rates of freight, and to the collection of excessive charges; but do not guarantee rates, and are not responsible for over-charges, delays, damage to goods in transit, or for loss.

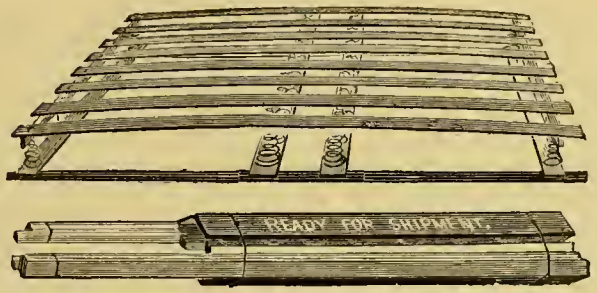
TERMS.—Net 30 days; 10 per cent off, if paid within 10 days from date of invoice. POSITIVELY NO DISCOUNT AFTER TEN DAYS.

Prices subject to change without notice. We charge extra for goods over regular length. All goods guaranteed as represented.

N. B.—Our customers will please note that they *must remit* for the accounts in Chicago or New York Exchange, P. O. Money Order, or Currency by express, prepaid, **within the time specified, in order to get the discount.** We cannot conveniently draw for these ten-day accounts, unless by special request. If not paid within ten days, we shall, at the end of 30 days, draw for the full amount.

SPECIAL NOTE.—Nos. 9, 10 and 12 are supplied with our patent slide and socket extension irons, which we are making this year of malleable iron. No possibility of breakage by rough handling. They are thoroughly practical and reliable.

All Hospital and Asylum Beds can be supplied with supporting springs, as shown in number 25, thus making it perfectly easy to adjust the tension of the fabric so as to make it conform to the shape, condition and requirements of the occupant, a result never before obtained.



No. O. Slat Spring.

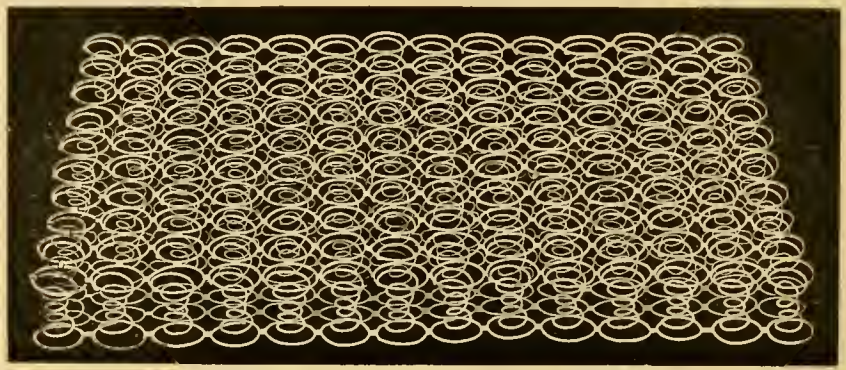
All sizes to 4–6..... .... $

Over 4–6 ....

A good cheap spring.

For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2.

COMFORTABLE.



DURABLE.

No. 1.

Leave all slats in bedstead. A full size has 140 Springs.

See Description of No. 1 on Page 5.

All sizes to 4—6 x 6. ..... $
Over 4—6 x 6. .....

For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2.

NOTICE.

We desire to call the especial attention of the trade to the cut shown on opposite page (4).

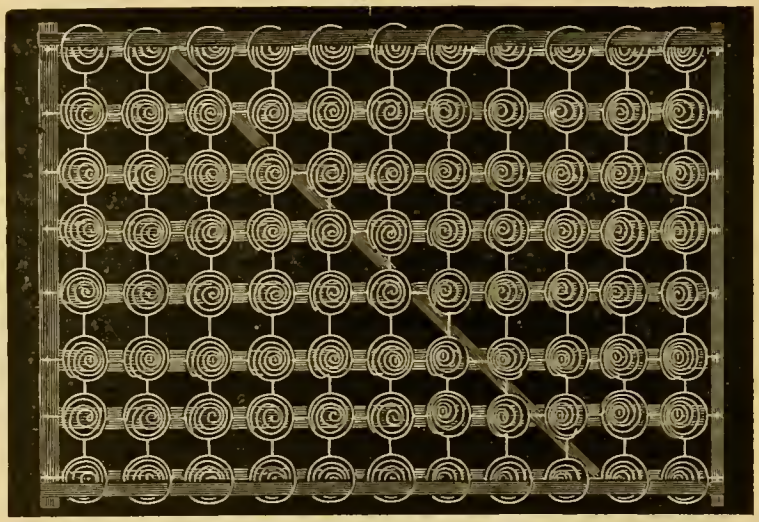
It is made entirely from double cone springs standing close together, connected by broad steel clasps of great strength and folding in the center.

The top and bottom surfaces are alike.

This Bed is elastic and yielding in all its parts, conforming perfectly to the form and weight of the person lying upon it, and is, at the same time, from its simplicity of construction, of great durability.

The bed is a new one on our list, but the principle is well known and has always been recognized as the true one upon which to construct the most luxurious couch known.

We have made extensive preparation for the manufacture of this spring, and expect for it a **tremendous sale.** Send us a sample order. They will sell at sight.



No. 3½. Solid Comfort Springs.

This is our regular No. 3½, with iron band on sides. The Bed as now made is **strong, substantial,** and the best in the market. 6 to 9 slats, according to size of spring. Can be shipped K. D., if desired.

Price—All sizes to 4-6 .....$ Over 4-6 to 4-10.....$

For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2. *Beware of imitations, with light, flimsy frames, and a less number of springs.*

No. 2. Folding Spring.

A Superior Bed—Hardwood Ends—Malleable Iron Hinges—Band Iron on Sides--None Better in Market.

Price—All sizes to 4-6, Eight Sections.....$
4-6, Nine " .....
4-6, Ten " .....

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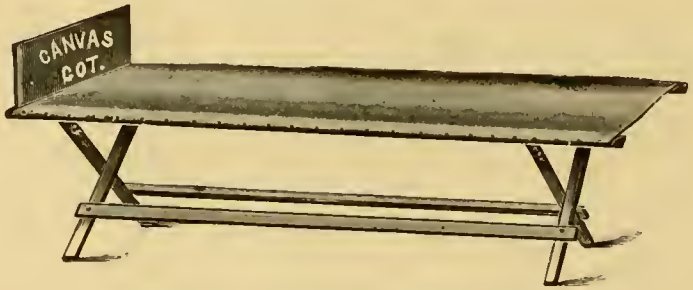

No. 5. Cross-Leg Cot. A Strong, Reliable Cot.

29 inch Duck, 10 oz..... .....$

29 " " 8 oz.....

36 " " 10 oz.....

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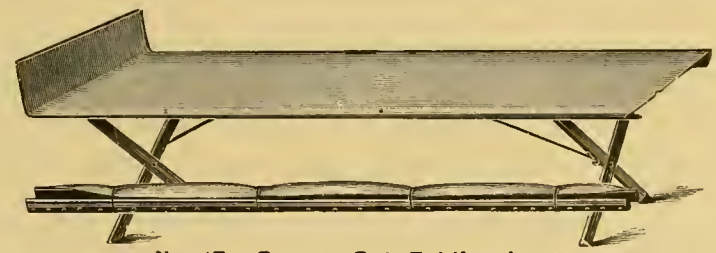


No. 17. Canvas Cot, Folding Legs.

Just the thing for camp-meetings, fishing parties, and all desiring a first-class Cot. Folds into roll about four inches through. Head piece pivoted, and can stand upright as shown in cut, or be brought forward, forming pocket for pillow.

We are prepared to fill large orders for these Cots on short notice. Stronger, more easily set up, and folding into a more compact package than others.

Heavy Duck, 29 inches.....$

For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2.

No. 5 1-2. 29 inch Duck.

Plain.....$

Frame, Stained Walnut.....

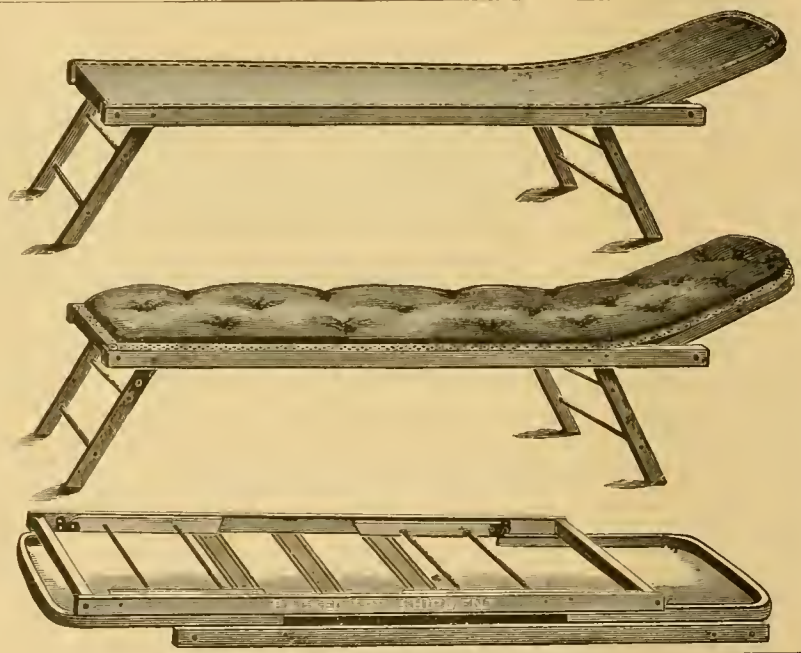
No. 5 1-2. 29 inch Duck.

Upholstered.....$

Frame, Stained Walnut.....

Crib Cots, with side rails and foot-boards, 50 cents extra.

For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2.



The No. 5½ Cots (cuts shown on page 10) we have improved as follows:

First—We put on bent head piece.

Second—We put on Malleable Angle Irons to support the legs, same as used in our Woven Wire Cots.

Third—We connect the legs with Dowels.

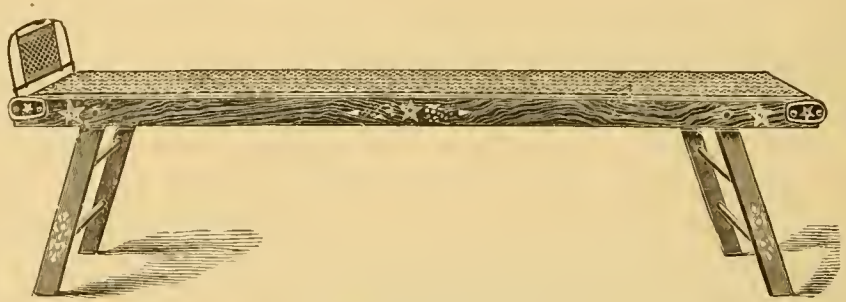
Fourth—By an entirely new device we can instantly make the head-rest lie straight with the body of the cot, thus enabling us to put them into PERFECTLY COMPACT shape for shipment.

The head-rest is a support in FACT, and not a contrivance made to show well in a cut, but wholly useless in practice.

As now made by us we consider them by far the best Duck Top Cots which have ever been offered.

They are strong in construction — neat and tasteful in appearance — and exceedingly comfortable to lie upon.

The Crib Cots are good and cheap — no mattress required.



No. 7. New Woven Wire Cot.

Strong and substantial; neat and tasteful. Headpiece put on with Malleable Hinges, full double weave. Intended to supply the demand for a first-class Cot, but not as expensive as the No. 16.

2-6x6-2. Painted Red, stenciled in Bronze.....$
3-0x6-2. " " " " .....

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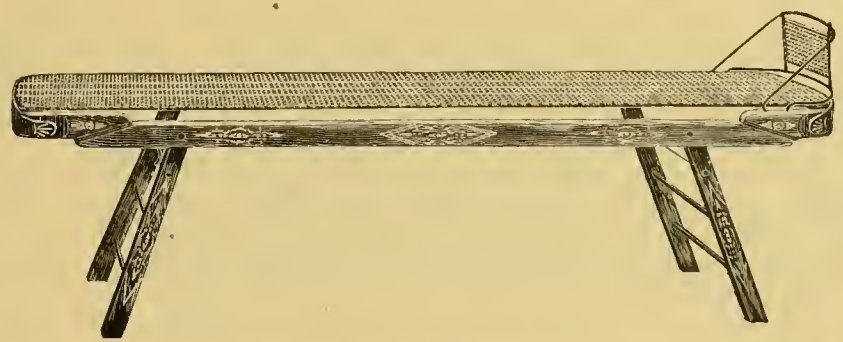
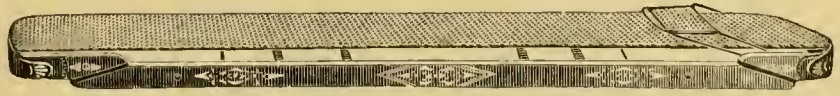


No. 16. Open.



No. 16. Closed Woven Wire Cot.

Double weave, folding legs and head, round corners, painted and stenciled.

An elegant Cot, 2-6x6-2.....$

3-0x6-2.....

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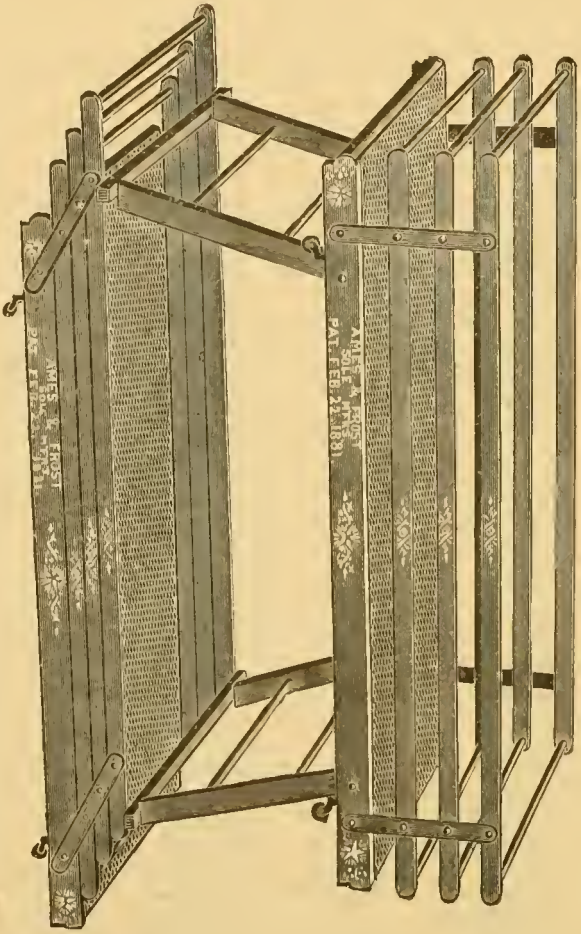

No. 6. Child's Crib.

Strong and substantial, fabric woven wire, will fold enclosing the bedding; painted or stained, any color.

2-6x4-6.... .....$
3-0x4-6 ....
3-6x4-6 ....

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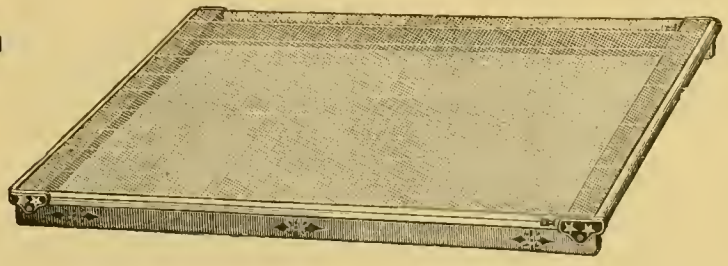
EXTENSION FOR 9, 10 AND 12.

PATENTED.



No. 9. Woven Wire Mattress.

Steel Wire, full double weave, with bands of wire running through the fabric; perfect extension

All sizes, to 4-6x6..... ....$
Over 4-6 to 4-10..... ....

The No. 9s are the best medium Wire Mattresses in market. They are made from the best Steel Mattress Wire obtainable, well tinned, elastic, and of uniform temper. The frames are of thoroughly seasoned hard maple, with BROAD END PIECE. By the use of the broad end piece, we make a very substantial frame without increasing the weight, with much less liability to twist or sag than the ordinary frame with narrow end piece. We are glad to know that our customers appreciate this feature. Our patented extension is entirely practical, and far in advance of *all* others.

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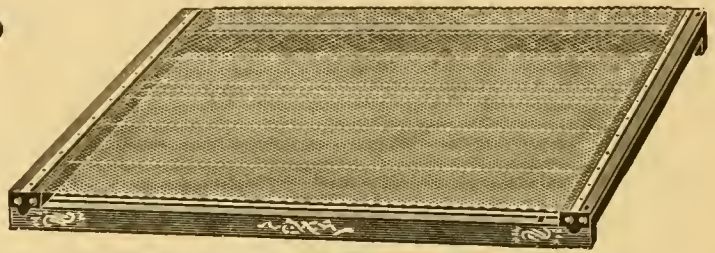

No. 10. Woven Wire Mattress, Corded.

The above cut shows our No. 10, which is the same as sold in 1887. The end piece is wide and has a groove near its center, into which the fabric is forced and held in place by a tongued batten, making a perfectly tight joint — no puttying up cracks — no harbor for vermin.

The fabric does not reach to the extreme outer edge of the end pieces, as will be seen.

They are the best goods for the money ever offered to the trade.

Corded Double Weave, all sizes to 4-6..... .....$

Over 4-6 to 4-10.....

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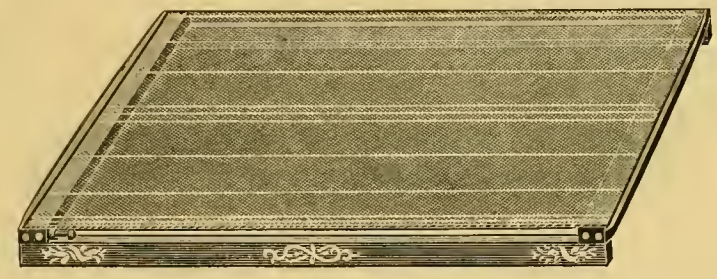

No. 10½. Woven Wire Mattress, Corded.

The regular standard low priced Mattress for the million.

Three-inch end rail, thick batten. A good, clean mattress.

All sizes to 4–6.....$

Over 4–6 to 4–10.....

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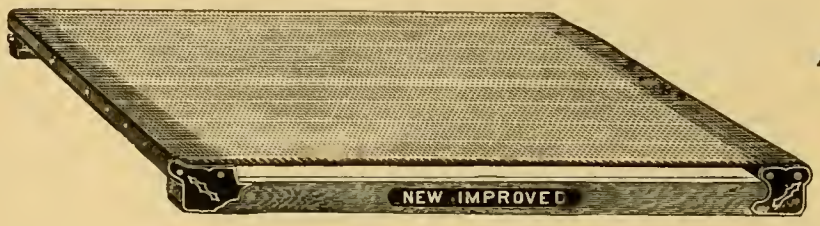

EXTENSION FOR 9, 10 AND 12.

PATENTED.

No. 12. New Improved.

The above cut represents our well known No. 12. We have added Nos. 12 and 13 for that portion of our customers desiring "*old time*" goods, no attempt being made to save either material or labor, excellence being the desired result, and not cheapness.

We guarantee these mattresses equal to any manufactured in the United States, and they will be furnished to the trade at a marked reduction from the prices they have been paying for the same class of goods.

All sizes to 4–6 x 6–0 .....$

Over 4–6 to 4–10 .....

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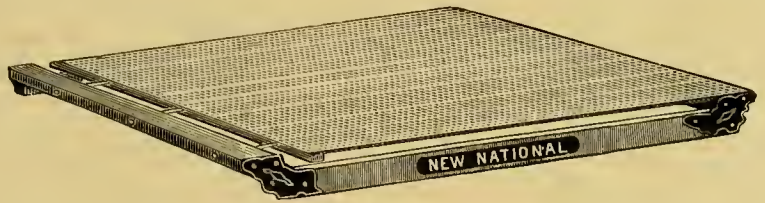

No. 13. New National.

Same as No. 12, except in the matter of extension, which in this mattress is produced by means of a double end bar, as shown in cut Nos. 12 and 13 are offered to the trade and are winning their way.

All sizes to 4–6x6.....$

Over 4–6 to 4–10.....

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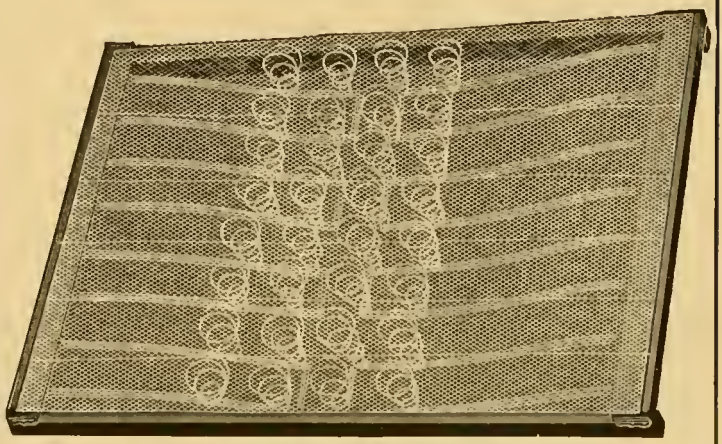


No. 25. Top View.

The No. 25 attachment of Supporting Springs can, if desired, be applied to any Hospital or Asylum Beds, thus making them the most comfortable support for the sick, in existence.

No. 25. Bottom View.

HERE IS SOMETHING NEW AND GOOD.

A Woven Wire Mattress, Supported by Spiral Springs, Having the Following New and Peculiar Features:

See Cuts of No. 25 on Page 20.

In place of the ordinary cross slats, it has a band iron support, each two pieces being yoked together as shown, this construction preventing any lateral motion.

Each pair of supports are connected with the pair at the opposite end of the mattress by a screw-thread swivel joint, as shown.

By the use of this construction a much deeper spring can be used than in the ordinary supported mattress, hence a very much greater degree of elasticity is imparted to the supporting surface.

The tightening swivels are turned with perfect ease, no wrench nor tool of any kind being required.

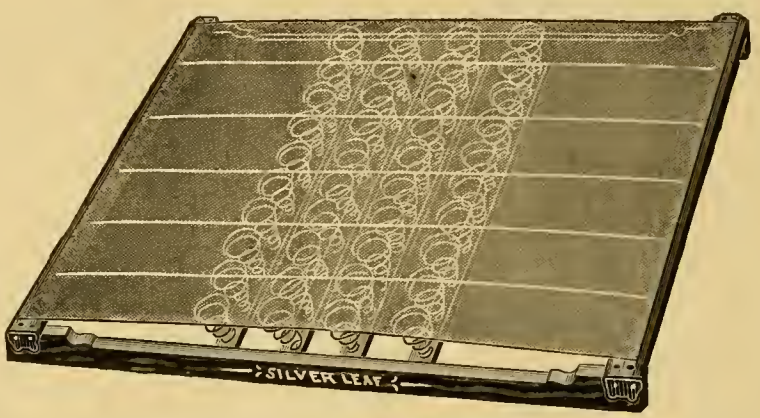
To change tension, no removal of any portion of the bedding is neccessary, the swivels being underneath and easily accessible from either side.

The springs are fastened directly to the band iron supports, at the bottom, and to the fabric at the top, and cannot by any possibility get out of place unless intentionally removed.

There are no hooks, links, connections, nor any other small material to break or get loose and rattle.

There are no rigid edges nor uneven spots anywhere about it. Should a spring get broken it can be removed and another put in its place without difficulty. The desirable points in this construction can be seen at a glance. The adjustment is simple and perfect—any desired tension can be given to the fabric by simply turning the swivel joints. The swivels are of malleable iron, and strong enough to stand any strain that can ever possibly come upon them. Should it be desirable to adjust for occupants of different weight, it will be seen that it can readily be done. This combination mattress is the result of much study and experiment. It is *new*, and we believe that as a comfortable, durable and adjustable mattress it is *unequalled*. It possesses all the desirable qualities and no drawbacks. We ask for it a fair trial, and trust we may receive from the trade orders for samples—to be returned if not in all respects satisfactory. Price, to 4-6..... Subject to the usual discount.

The above Bed is an experiment no longer It has exceeded our most sanguine expectations in sales, and stands without a peer among supported Beds. For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2.



No. 4. The Silver Leaf Mattress.

The cut shows a combination Mattress known as the SILVER LEAF. By this combination of the wire fabric and steel coil springs, the two act together in carrying the weight, and by mutually relieving each other, preserve the elasticity of both fabric and springs, and keep the Mattress always in its original position.

NOTE THE PRICES.

All sizes to 4–6, Coppered Springs.....$
Over 4–6 to 4-10, Coppered Springs.....

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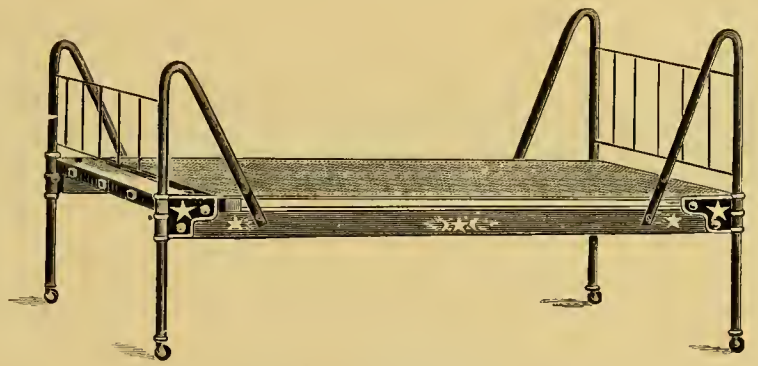
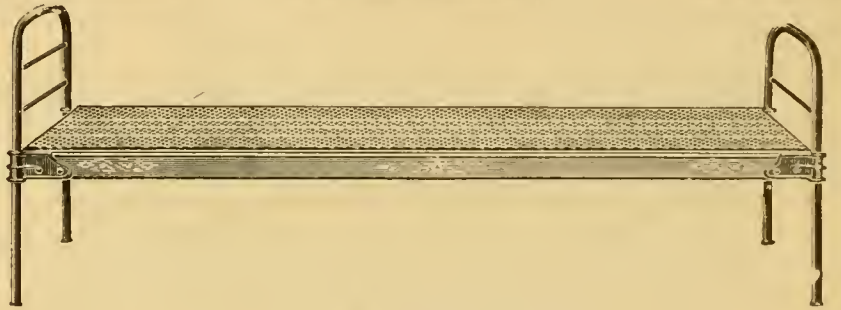


No. 15. Hospital Bed.

The above cut shows a new bed on our list. It will be seen that pipes forming the legs are bent over and down to the side rails, thus forming pocket to hold the mattress and pillow. This style of bed is very much liked where in use. Finished in same style as our other Hospital Beds.

Prices upon application.



No. 8. New Hospital Bed.

Double weave. Wood or angle iron frame. Gas pipe legs. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Legs removable. Painted blue and stenciled in bronze. Light, but well and strongly made. Intended for one person. Neatest and most desirable Hotel, Office and Servant Bed in the market.

2-8x6-2.....$
3-0x6-2.....

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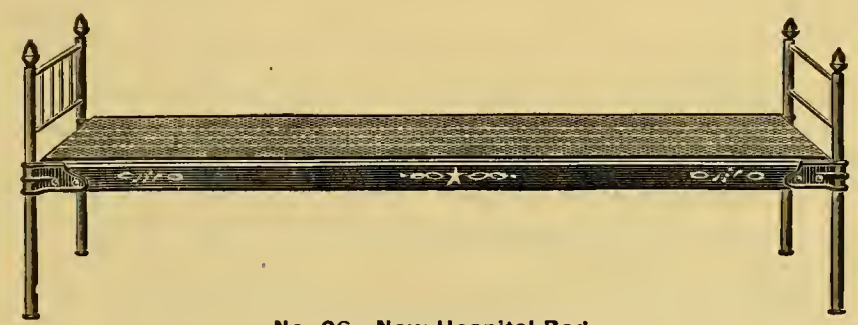


No. 26. New Hospital Bed.

Double weave. Wood or angle iron frame. Gas pipe legs. Brass tops. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Legs removable. Painted blue and stenciled in bronze. Light, but well and strongly made. Intended for one person. Neatest and most desirable Hotel, Office and Servant Bed in the market.

2–8 x 6–2.....$
3–0 x 6–2.....

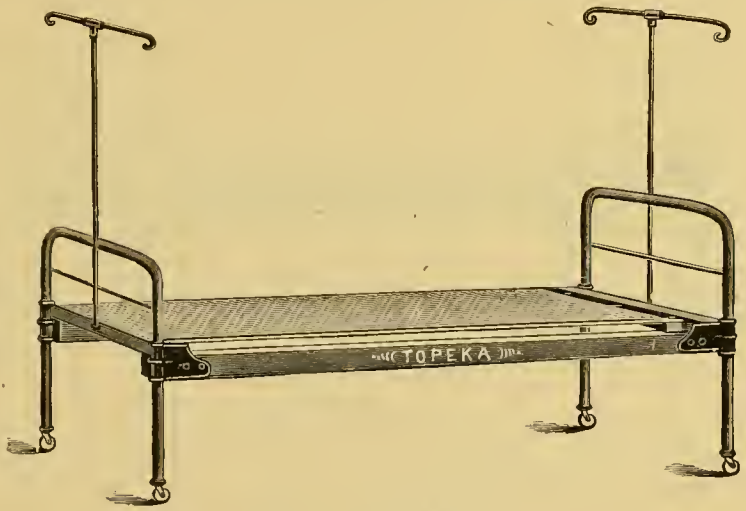
For Terms and Discounts, see Page 2.

No. 18. Peters' Complete Hospital Bed.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, wood. Legs, malleable iron; very neat pattern and firmly braced. Cross rods, braces and spindles, best wrought iron. Cross rods milled at ends, forming shoulder, and are firmly riveted to legs; the spindles are also milled and riveted to cross rods. This construction makes a very strong bed, and is quite ornamental. In all our Hospital and Asylum Beds every portion is *securely* fastened, rendering it impossible for an insane person to wrench a weapon from the bed.

Unless otherwise ordered, we varnish and stencil the wood, japan the iron, and bronze the projections. Any size made to order.

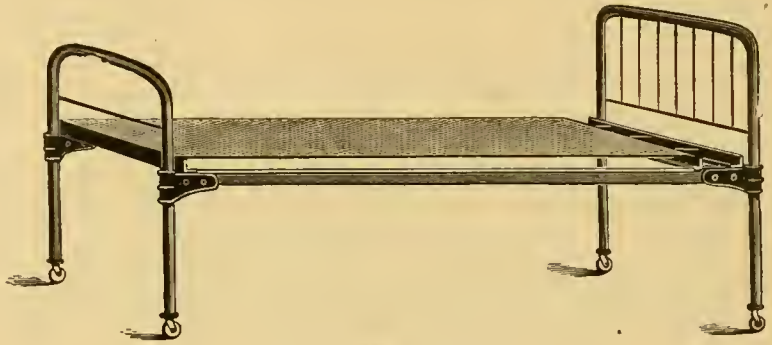
Prices upon application.



No. 21. Topeka Bed.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, wood or angle iron, with double end and extending bolts as shown. Legs, wrought iron pipe. Cross rods milled and SECURELY riveted. Legs pass through corner castings. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. With or without canopy. Wood varnished, iron japanned, projections bronzed.

Prices upon application.

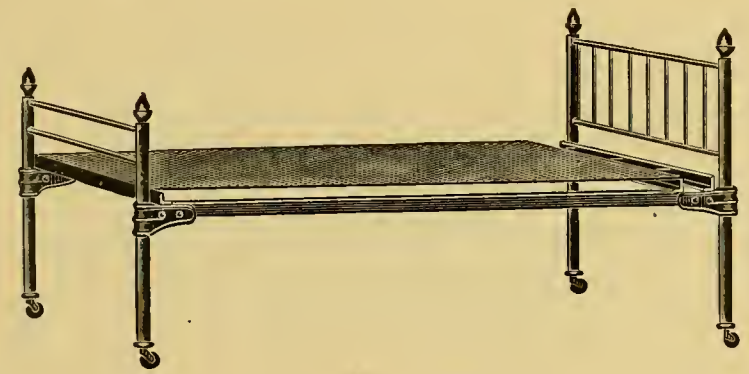


No. 22. All Iron Bed.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, angle iron or wood. Same adjustment as in Topeka Bed. Legs, wrought iron pipe. Cross rods and spindles milled and SECURELY riveted.

Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Wood varnished, iron japanned, projections bronzed.

Prices upon application.

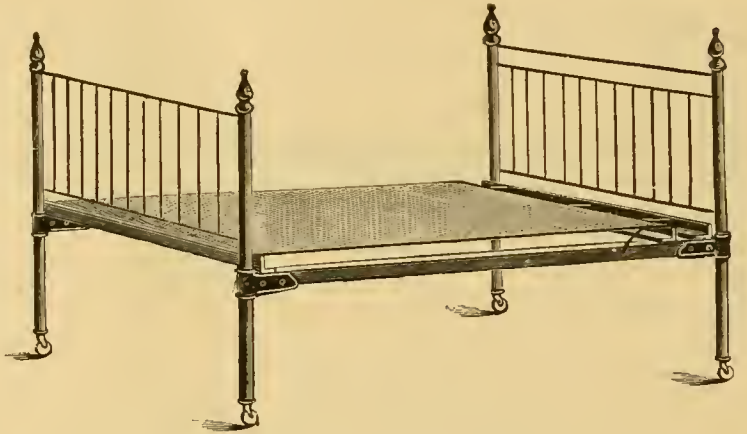


No. 27. All Iron Bed.

Fabric, woven wire. Frame, angle iron or wood. Same adjustment as in Topeka Bed. Legs, wrought iron pipe, brass ornaments on top. Cross rods and spindles milled and SECURELY riveted.

Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Wood varnished, iron japanned, projections bronzed.

Prices upon application.



No. 23. Brass Top Bed.

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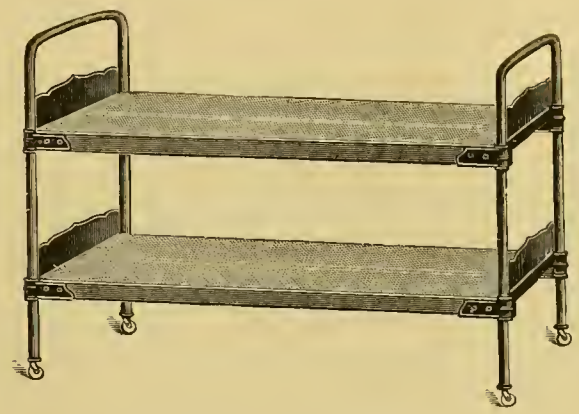

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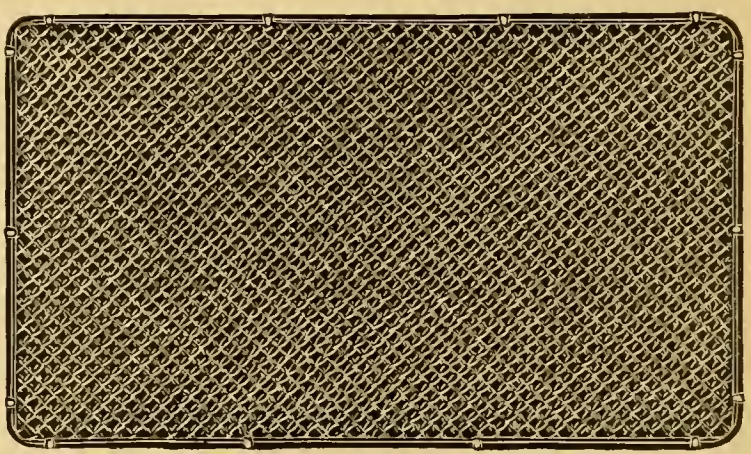

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